

# Family Times

## Summary

### **Island of the Blue Dolphins**

Karana is an Indian girl stranded alone on an island. While waiting years for a ship to come near and rescue her, she finds inventive ways of living on an island inhabited by wild dogs. She makes a cave house, creates her own tools, finds food, and survives many years on her own.

### **Activity**

**Kitchen Foraging** With a member of your family, look through your kitchen and try to plan a lunch or dinner for the two of you. But here's the catch: you can't look in the refrigerator, you can only use one utensil, and you're allowed to use only a small amount of water from the sink.

*Bon appétit!*



## Comprehension Skill

### **Theme and Setting**

The **theme** is the underlying meaning of a story. The **setting** is where and when the story takes place. Setting often helps determine how a story's characters think and behave.

### **Activity**

**Far Away** Pretend you're stranded on a faraway island with a member of your family. Describe what the island looks like, the animals you encounter, the trees and plants you see. What's the first thing you would do there: Find food? Build a shelter? Why did you make the choices you made?